

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 445  
By Cohen

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dorothy Shepard  
Goldstein of Nashville, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly learned of the death of Mrs. Dorothy Shepard Goldstein, a remarkable philanthropist who gave unstintingly of herself and her family's resources to the great benefit of the Nashville community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Goldstein's generosity to charities and to individuals will pay dividends to her fellow citizens for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, her many good works and deeds are not abstract achievements, but rather have touched the personal lives of many, and have made Nashville a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, renowned for her volunteerism and civic and religious involvement, Mrs. Goldstein was a long-time member of the synagogue; and

WHEREAS, she was actively involved with both the Hadassah and the National Council for Jewish Women, and was also a valuable member of the Brandeis and ORT, a Jewish women's organization, the Jewish Community Center and The Temple; and

WHEREAS, she astutely chaired the Israel Bond dinner and served with distinction as division chair and vice chair of the National Jewish Federation's Women's Campaign; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Goldstein also served with acumen and industry as the Federation's major gifts chair and on the board of its endowment division; and

WHEREAS, her generous donations made possible the erection of the West End synagogue library, which is named in honor of her late husband, Edward T. Goldstein; and

WHEREAS, in the secular world, Mrs. Goldstein evinced her civic pride and strong sense of community as a member of the Nashville Symphony Guild, the Cheekwood Collector's Guild, the Peabody Round Table, the Canby Robinson Society and the Campaign for Vanderbilt National Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Goldstein's tireless commitment to and outstanding advocacy for the Vanderbilt University School of Nursing began upon her graduation from that institution; and

WHEREAS, she was an exemplary member of the Julia Herford Society, the nursing school's premier donor society, and joined the board of directors of the society in 1987; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, she was presented the Friend of Nursing Award by the nursing school's alumni association in recognition of her many estimable contributions to nursing and nursing education at Vanderbilt; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Goldstein continued to work with purpose and humanity as chair emeritus of the society until her death; and

WHEREAS, a native of Nashville, Mrs. Goldstein was the daughter of the late Rose and Jack Shepard; she graduated from West End High School and married the late Edward T. Goldstein; and

WHEREAS, this loving and happy couple was married for 38 years until Mr. Goldstein's death in 1986; and

WHEREAS, during the last ten years before her husband's death, she worked in the family owned and operated business, Cumberland-Swan, Inc.; she continued to work there until the sale of the company in 1992; and

WHEREAS, a firm believer in family values, Mrs. Goldstein was especially proud of her role as a mother and grandmother; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Goldstein's daughter, Julie Boehm, has said of her mother: "Mama was an incredible woman who couldn't give enough of herself. She had a gentle loving soul, and anyone who met her couldn't help but love her."; and

WHEREAS, this statement aptly describes this fine lady whose great spirit of public service and philanthropy truly stands unequaled among her fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Mrs. Boehm, Mrs. Goldstein is survived by three other children, Nancy Hoffman, Tommy Goldstein and Randy Goldstein (Gretchen); two brothers, Alfred Shepard and Bob Shepard; and eight grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Shepard Goldstein was much beloved and treasured by her family and friends and highly respected by thousands of her fellow Nashvillians; and

WHEREAS, her legacies of public service and selfless commitment to the greater good are truly myriad, and her life of purpose should be appropriately commemorated; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That this General Assembly hereby pauses to honor the memory of Dorothy Shepard Goldstein, reflecting fondly upon her generous and compassionate nature, and her commitment to living the examined life with liberality and courage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and extend our condolences to Mrs. Goldstein's family and many friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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